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TOPIC Werneuchen Airfield

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1. At 11:40 a.m. on 1 April 1952, a jet bomber took off from Werneuchen airfield. Its landing was not observed. Two twin-engine planes took off at 3:40 p.m., and a plane landed at 4:35 p.m. A bomber marked by the white No 1 took off at 4:40 p.m. There was night flying by jet bombers. At 6:25 and 7:15 a.m. on 2 April, a type-27 plane and a plane took off. A twin-engine plane took off at 10 a.m. Jet bombers flying in formations of three were seen several times. On 3 April, 7 jet bombers took off during a period of about 30 minutes. Two twin-engine planes took off at 11 a.m. On 4 April, type-27 planes and 2 type-30 planes practiced flying. On 5 April, about 20 jet bombers practiced take-offs and landings. On 8 April, 4 jet bombers were observed circling over the field. On 9 April, the take-off and landing of a jet bomber was observed. A biplane took off at 3 p.m. During the night, jet bombers circled over the field which was intermittently illuminated by searchlights.
2. No flying was observed at the field until 4 p.m. on 7 April. Between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m. on 8 April, 4 jet bombers practiced take-offs and landings. One biplane took off at 11:30 a.m. and another at 2 p.m. At 8:45 a.m. on 9 April, a jet bomber took off, while a jet bomber landed at 9:37 a.m. A biplane took off at 3 p.m. Between 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. on 10 April, 20 jet bombers made local flights. There was no flying until 4 p.m. on 11 April.
3. Rail fuel shipments arriving at the field included: 10 tank cars coming from the direction of Wrietzen at 11 a.m. on 24 March; 6 tank cars from Wrietzen at 11 a.m. on 26 March; 8 tank cars observed at Werneuchen railroad station at 8 a.m. on 28 March; 16 tank cars from Wrietzen at 11 a.m. on 28 March; 15 tank cars from Wrietzen at 11 a.m. on 31 March; 3 tank cars observed at Werneuchen railroad station at 8 a.m. on 4 April; 3 tank cars from Wrietzen on 4 April. All the tank cars proceeded to the fuel dump at the airfield and were unloaded there.
4. On 5 April, 34 type-27 and 30 aircraft were counted at the field. About

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5 other planes were observed near the easternmost hangar of the installation. However, only the tail assemblies could be seen. Except for one, all the doors of the hangars were closed. Trucks [redacted] in addition to tank trucks [redacted] were seen.

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5. There was no flying at the field on 7 April. On 8 April, type-30 plane No Y 1 and type-27 plane No 1 made local flights. Between 8:30 p.m. on 9 and 1 a.m. on 10 April, 4 aircraft practiced night flying. Thirty-three type-27, 3 type-30 and 2 Li-2 aircraft were observed at the field on 10 April.

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6. On 3 April, 4 carloads of military goods [redacted] arrived at Verneuchen. \*\* Three tank carloads of fuel arrived on 4 April. On 3 April, Unit [redacted] dispatched two carloads of military goods. \*\*\*

\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

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[redacted] The arrival of three tank cars on 4 April is confirmed by information contained in paragraph 6 of the present report.

\*\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted]

[redacted] assigned to the OATB of one of the bomber regiments at Verneuchen.

\*\*\* [redacted] Comment. The report confirms previous information on the occupation of the field. The two bomber regiments are believed to be equipped with a total of about 40 type-27 and type-30 aircraft. Some of these planes are probably parked in hangars.

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